

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2509
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RURAL SANITATION
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH;BIKRAM KESHARI DEO

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have restructured the rural sanitation programme;
- (b) if so, the percentage of coverage under the scheme, State-wise;
- (c) whether any periodical studies in respect of the programme carried out by the Government/NGOs in various States;
- (d) if so, the findings thereof, state-wise;
- (e) the assistance provided under this programme during the last three years and 1999-2000, State-wise;
- (f) the details of the States that have diversified the funds; and
- (g) the details of the funds remained unspent so far by the States during 1999-2000 for rural sanitation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A.RAJA)

- (a): Yes, Sir. The Rural Sanitation Programme has been restructured w.e.f. 1-4-99 and is now known as Restructured Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme (RCRSP).
- (b): At present the total sanitation coverage stands at a mere 16-20% of the total rural households in the country. However, in the Mid-Term Appraisal of the 9th Plan, the Planning Commission has fixed the national rural population coverage under RCRSP to 25%. No State-wise targets have been fixed.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): The statement showing funds released under Rural Sanitation Programme during the last three years and 1999-2000 is at annexure-I.
- (f): As per the information available, no diversion of funds has been noticed under the Rural Sanitation Programme.
- (g): A statement showing State-wise unspent balance during 1999-2000 under Rural Sanitation Programme is at annexure-II.